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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/717,047	LESEA ET AL.	
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1. This communication is responsive to application filed on 11/18/03.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-39, renumbered as 1-39, respectively.
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All
 - b) Some*
 - c) None
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

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1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
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6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

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Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-39 are allowed.
2. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The present invention relates to method and apparatus for measuring/testing performance of a transceiver. Prior art of record, closest references (Dietrich – US 7,028,205 and Katsman et al. – US 6,633,605), disclose recovering a clock signal from received signal and detecting data from received signal based on the recovered clock; clarity indicator is generated by integrating the detecting result (in Dietrich); or counting the error in the data on the basis of the recovered clock (in Katsman et al.) However, prior art of record, taking individually or collectively, fails to fairly teach such method and apparatus in particular, including “comparing the data detected to reference data related to the predefined data sequence; counting a number of error events resulting from the comparing over a duration encompassing a plurality of data bits of the predefined data sequence” in independent claim 1 (claims 2-19 depend therefrom); “retrieving reference data related to the predetermined test data from a second memory; comparing the words de-multiplexed from the detected receive data to respective words of the reference data; determining errors based upon the comparing; counting any errors determined” in independent claim 20 (claims 21-28 depend therefrom); and “a second memory addressable to source reference data related to the predetermined test data of the first memory; a comparator to compare data received by the receiver to reference data retrieved from the second memory; and a counter to count error events determined

by the comparator" in independent claim 29 (claims 30-39 depend therefrom). Thus, claims 1-39 are found to be novel and unobvious over prior art of record.

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Katsman et al. (US 6,633,605) discloses Pulse Code Sequence Analyzer.

Dietrich (US 7,028,205) discloses Techniques To Monitor Transition Density Of An Input Signal.

McCormack et al. (US 6,463,109) discloses Multiple Channel Adaptive Data Recovery System.

Leseca (US 6,874,107) discloses Integrated Testing Of Serializer/Deserializer In FPGA.

Hamre (US 5,481,563) discloses Jitter Measurement Using A Statiscally Locked Loop.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dac V. Ha whose telephone number is 571-272-3040. The examiner can normally be reached on 5/4.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jay Patel can be reached on 571-272-3086. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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